

AGE FRIENDLY WINDSOR WORKING GROUP (AFWWG)

Meeting held August 12, 2026

A meeting of the Age Friendly Windsor Working Group is held this day commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 140, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Larry Duffield
Andrea Grimes
Cindy Matchett
Roxanne Tellier
Tom Wilson

Regrets received from:

Gerald Corriveau

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Kait Authier, Chair, Coordinator, Parks Recreation and Facilities
Wadah Al-Yassiri, Manager Parks Development
David Calibaba, Transit Windsor, Manager, Sales & Marketing
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Kait Authier, Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. and the Working Group considers the Agenda being Schedule A, attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Tom Wilson, seconded by Cindy Matchett,
That the minutes of the Age Friendly Windsor Working Group of its meeting held May 7, 2026, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Transit Windsor Update

Kait Authier, Chair welcomes David Calababa to the meeting of the Age Friendly Windsor Working Group. She advises that discussions have been held in the past regarding Transit Windsor in terms of services that are available, the accessibility of services, upcoming plans and the possibility of including Transit Windsor in a future speaker series for the public. As Transit Windsor is currently undergoing a transition period, the Chair asks David Calababa to provide an update.

David Calababa provides the following overview and update:

- The greatest transition at this time is their fare payment structure.
- In 2025, an agreement was made with UMO which is a Transit Fare Management System to be launched within a few months.
- “UMO” is an all-in-one digital fare management system that will replace current smart card passes, making it easier to pay, ride, and manage your transit account, all from your phone or reloadable UMO card”.
- Discounts are available for students, for folks on the affordable bus plan, youth and seniors. The age for a “senior” is 60 years old.

In response to a question asked by Andra Grimes regarding if riders will be able to pay cash on the bus, David Calibaba responds for now cash will be accepted. He adds that riders can also pay with debit and with credit cards.

David Calababa expresses concern regarding the relocation of the East End Transit Terminal to the northwest corner of Lauzon Parkway and Tecumseh Road as it a dangerous intersection for those attempting to cross the street.

Cindy Matchett asks how Transit Windsor will be promoting the UMO system to the public. David Calababa responds that Mayor Dilkens will be providing a Press Release within a few months.

Larry Duffield questions if people are able to purchase paper tickets. David Calababa responds that mode of payment was quashed two years ago.

In response to a question asked by Cindy Matchett regarding if the physical card must be purchased at the downtown terminal, David Calibaba responds affirmatively.

Andrea Grimes asks if visually impaired people ride the bus for free. David Calibaba responds upon showing their CNIB card, they ride the bus for free.

The Chair remarks the AFWWG will be holding a Community Engagement session on September 17, 2026, and would like to invite Transit Windsor to be the focus of this session. She asks if Transit would be interested in providing a 30-minute Presentation on what to expect with the new UMO program. David Calababa thanks the WFWWG for inviting Transit to do a presentation.

David Calababa leaves the meeting at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

4.2 Speaker Series

Discussion ensues regarding the location for the next Speaker Series to be held on September 17, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Suggestions include Optimist Library, and Life After Fifty. The Chair will confirm that a representative from Transit Windsor will be available to provide the Presentation.

It is generally agreed that posters to advertise the Speaker Series will be made available to the public. The Chair proposes the purchase of a pop-up banner to also provide awareness of the event.

Larry Duffield requests that a Flag Raising to commemorate National Seniors Day, and United Nations Day for Elder Person in Canada to be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026, will be arranged by the Chair.

4.3 Website/Communications Subcommittee Update

Cindy Matchett volunteers to create a poster to advertise the Speaker Series to be held on September 17, 2026, which will be sent to the web editing team. Discussion ensues regarding the addition of links to the Age Friendly Page.

4.4 Follow-up Items from the May 26, 2026, Meeting

The Chair provides the following updates relating to volunteer opportunities:

- Open Streets to be held on September 20, 2026 (east end route). A volunteer portal will be available.
- Bright Lights to be held later in the year.
- Art your Service Membership and expenditure – Larry Duffield expresses concern with the cost of the membership. This matter is deferred to a future meeting.
- Budgetary expenditures to be brought forward for 2026 – It is generally agreed that the Chair will purchase a pop-up banner for events.

- Community feedback from seniors to be shared with AFWWG, City Council and the appropriate City of Windsor departments.
- Larry Duffield remarks that a series began recently at the Legion on Marentette (Lunch and Learn) whereby every second Wednesday a free lunch is offered. Non-profit groups i.e. Canadian Association of Retired Persons are invited to discuss subjects such as long-term care.
- The Chair proposes that the AFWWG consider holding a future Speaker Series at the Legion.
- Andrea Grimes volunteers to meet with the Legion and to request speaking (prior to October 26, 2026) on the work of the Age Friendly Windsor Working Group.
- Larry Duffield suggests that a wind-up report of the AFWWG be completed prior to the end of the term.

5. New Business

5.1 Community Partnership

The Chair advises that Dr. Paula van Wyk, University of Windsor who specializes in age-friendly policies and practices contacted the Chair to advise that her team is looking to apply for a grant and a research partnership

The Chair indicates that the Working Group may be asked to collect data, assist with some of the reports and adds that funding agencies generally are interested in seeing evidence to prove what they are funding is legitimate. She adds if the Working Group is interested in being a consultant for this project; Dr. van Wyk will provide additional information to the Committee.

Tom Wilson expresses concern that if the group agrees to assist in this endeavour, and as the term of the committee is ending soon, new members may be appointed to the AFWWG who may not be interested in this project.

It is generally agreed that the Chair respond to Dr. van Wyk regarding the ending of the term for the AFWWG and that new members will be appointed in the future.

6. Round Table

Wadah Al-Yassiri advises he enjoyed meeting the members of the Working Group and adds the discussion was very informative.

7. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 o'clock a.m.